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SUBJECT: Mr. Bissell's Opening Remarks to the War Planning Conference
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Mr. Bissell opened his remarks by announcing the appointment of Mr. [REDACTED] as the new C/PPC, and commented to the effect that Mr. [REDACTED] had contributed a great deal to the Agency while here. He went on to say, that at this stage the Agency should have a man in this job with clandestine experience and with experience overseas and at the division level here in Headquarters. Mr. Bissell commented on some recent changes and trends in the Clandestine Services. Two fields of activity hold special interest.

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He also spoke at this time about the organizational changes within the area divisions (EE, NE & AFR). He discussed at some length the new Developments Projects Division and stated as an aside that PPC has been a part of Operational Services since last July, but this arrangement is just now being formalized. He mentioned the Agency drive for greater efficiency, citing that the Agency is approximately 2,000 men too large for our new building. He said that the DCI has withstood the Bureau of the Budget request to cut personnel per say, but that the Agency's desires to increase it's productivity, there-by decreasing overall numbers of employees.

Mr. Bissell spoke of a change in philosophy in the management and control of some of our activities. Up to now the project has been the major control mechanizing in CIA, and there has been less planning for larger programs. We have arrived at this state of affairs largely through legary of management. He stated that we might move away from this and delegate more authority downward in projects. Cold-war plans should be more meaningful. Programs are to be undertaken more seriously and results followed more closely.

In closing, he said that War Planning should have a very close relation to cold-war activities.

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